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11:30 A.M.--12:00 NOON CWT BLUE

TIME

PRODUCTION NOTES

CHARACTERS	CAST
JIM	HARVEY HAYS
MARY	LUCILE HUSTING
BESS	KATHERINE CARD
CHIEF	CHARLES PENMAN
YOUNG JIM	CHARLES FLYNN

SOUND	REMARKS

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Orchestra Leader

Production Director

Announcer

Agency Producer or Announcer

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MUSIC: Theme

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JIM: Yep. That's our job all right, Bess.

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MARY: What do you mean, Jerry?

JERRY: Well, I read the other day where the Attorney General said that Corkville oughta be merged with Center City because there's only two voters left in the whole precinct. There was a booming mill-town for you, some years back.

JIM: Yep. One time Corkville had nearly a thousand families, I reckon ... the busiest little forest town in the State. Then they wrecked the forest, and that wrecked the town, and blasted the security of a lot of folks sky-high.

BESS: It's a shame.

MARY: It's more than that, I think, Mrs. Robbins. The thing that gets me, though, is why nothing has been done to correct the evils of forest mis-use in this country. Why, year after year, we see communities dwindle into ghost towns.

JERRY: Aw, now wait a minute, Mary. Some things've been done about it. Look at the National Forests. Over 170 million acres of forest land under pretty doggone good forest management if I say so myself. Then too, in some places, private owners and farmers are doin' a swell job bringing good practices into their woods.

MARY: That may all be, Jerry, but I still say it isn't enough. If it were, we wouldn't be seeing forests destroyed and towns like Corkville go to the dogs. It makes me so mad I could....

BESS: Now, Mary....

JIM: Good girl, Mary. She's right, Bess, absolutely right. There hasn't been enough done to stop waste of forests in this country.

MARY: What I wanted to say was this, Mr. Robbins. Why is it that only lately have we been hearing about the need to stop forest waste and the need to think about the people along with our forests? Why is it, when waste of the forests has been going on for years....and it's still going on for that matter.

JIM: Some of us have been plugging for good forest practices a long time, Mary. I reckon it's just hit home for the first time to you because of the war. Just as it's hittin' home to a lot of other folks. The way, Mary, is making such a demand on forest products that our long abuse and misuse of our woods is kinda catching up with us, and fast.

JERRY: Sure, and our job right now is to stop any further unnecessary destruction so we can have wood enough after the war to do the jobs that'll have to be done then. But, like Jim says, Mary, this preaching the gospel of good forestry is nothing new.

JIM: Jerry's right, Mary. You may not know it but I've been in this Forest Service business through every Chief they've had. From the first one on down to our new chief, and every one of 'em has gone all-out to protect Uncle Sam's forests for his people.

JERRY: You knew Gifford Pinchot too, Jim? He was the first Chief, wasn't he?

JIM: Yep.

BESS: Why don't you tell Jerry and Mary about some of those early days, Jim?

MARY: Yes, please do, Mr. Robbins.

JIM: Well....I might tell you about one time way back when I was just a young fire guard, but I had to do some timber marking and scaling along with it. But that was incidental, or so I thought back then. I figured sightin' and fightin' fires was my real business and this timber marking was just an odd job to me.

JERRY: Oh, so you were one of the birds that first got folks to thinking all a Ranger did was ride a horse and fight fire, like Mary said, huh?

ALL LAUGH

JIM: Maybe so, Jerry. Maybe so. Well, anyway, this was back on the old Bear Paw District and I was markin' timber for railroad ties. The railroad spur was going through there at the time, opening up that country and I was feeling for once that I was playing a pretty big part in the March of Civilization as the boys called it then.

JERRY: I get it. You were the bright young fellow helping the operators get out the ties, huh?

JIM: Right. Well, I'd just started on the job this particular morning and I was sure goin' to town marking that timber...Fast as I marked 'em, the cutting crew were sawin' 'em down behind me. There was a lot of 'em, and I was the only marker, but I was proud as a jay-bird tryin' (FADE FOR FLASHBACK) to keep ahead.

(PAUSE)

FADE IN SOUND OF AXES AND SAWS IN BACKGROUND, OCCASIONAL SLAP OF MARKING AXE ON, SUSTAIN

JIM: (SINGING) I've been workin' on the railroad all the live-long day. I've been working on the rairoad, just to pass the time away....(HUMS, THEN STRAIGHT - TO SELF) You're next, Mister Tall Tree (SLAP) Kinda scrawny, maybe, but you'll make a tie or two. (SLAP) And I'll just makr you, too, Half-pint. The more the merrier. (SLAP)

CHIEF: (COMING UP; STERNLY) What in the world you trying to do there, man? Don't mark that tree!

JIM: Huh?

CHIEF: I wish you'd tell me why you're marking that young thrifty tree for cutting now.

JIM: You....you mean this little fella here?

CHIEF: YES. Can't you see the damage you're doing to this timber stand, if this is an example of all the marking you've done here.

JIM: Yes sir! I mean, I don't know, sir. I just started this morning.

CHIEF: Who assigned you to this job?

JIM: The Ranger. Ranger Clinton. I'm a fire guard and this marking business is just something he has me do at odd times, see?

CHIEF: So I gathered. Didn't Ranger Clinton give you an instructions before he sent you out here? About which trees to mark and which not to mark and the like?

JIM: Well, he gave me something or other. I got it in my pocket here. I was fixin' to read it when I took time out for lunch.

CHIEF: Let me see it. (RUSTLE OF PAPER) Yes, this is it. These are your marking instructions all right..Your name is Robbins, I see here.

JIM: Yes sir... We get a lot of instructions like that, but we aint had time to pay much attention to 'em.

CHIEF: (LAUGHS) Well, Robbins, you're honest enough, at any rate. I gather that even if you'd read these instructions beforehand, you'd probably still go ahead and mark the way you're doing? Small trees and all?

JIM: Well, the way I look at it, sir, we've got a lot of timber in this country, and there's a railroad going through near here and that's goin' to help a lot of people get settled and all. The way I look at it, it's up to us to help get that railroad built as fast as we can.

CHIEF: I see your point, Robbins and in a way you're right. It is up to us to help out in a worthy project like this, but it can and must be done without unnecessary sacrifice of the forest. We've got to look far beyond just getting the railroad through this section and settling this country with people.

JIM: I'm not sure I understand.

CHIEF: It's not enough to get the people in here, Robbins. They have a right to expect to stay here, happily and securely, and that means there must be work, no end of work, in all the years that lie ahead. This forest here is about the best guarantee our Uncle Sam can give these people that they'll have a means of livelihood through the years... And as for the railroad itself. Here's something to remember. Two trees, Robbins, yes, two trees must always be growing in the forest to keep one railroad tie permanently in the track.

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